

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT
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Box No. I. Basis of Report

1. Regarding **language**: the report on the international application is based on the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise stated in this section.
 - ☐ The report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language, this being the language of the translation filed for the following purpose:
 - ☐ international search (according to Rules 12.3 and 23.1 b))
 - ☐ publication of international application (according to Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (according to Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. Regarding the **components*** of the international application, the report is based on (*replacement pages filed with the Application Office in response to a request under Article 14 are deemed "originally filed" in the context of this report and are not attached thereto*)

Specification, pages:

1-22 in the version originally filed

Claims, Nos.:

1-30 in the version originally filed

Figures, pages:

1/2-2/2 in the version originally filed

- ☐ A sequence listing and/or any associated tables – see additional box on sequence listing

3. Because of amendments, the following documents no longer apply:

- ☐ specification, pages:
- ☐ claims, nos.:
- ☐ drawings, page/fig.
- ☐ sequence listing (*exact information*)
- ☐ any tables belonging to the sequence listing (*exact information*):

4. ☐ This report is issued without taking into account (some of) the amendments attached to this report and listed below, as these, for the reasons stated in the additional box, in the opinion of the authority go beyond the content disclosed in the version originally filed (Rule 70.2 c)).
 - ☐ specification, pages:
 - ☐ claims, nos.:
 - ☐ drawings, page/fig.
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**If point 4 is applicable, some or all of these pages may be noted "replaced."*

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PCT/EP2004/003225**Box No. V. Finding with supporting reasons according to Article 35(2) regarding novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability; documents and explanations in support of this finding.**

1. Finding

Novelty Yes: Claims
 No: Claims 1, 12, 20, 23

Inventive step: Yes: Claim
 No: Claims 1, 12, 20, 23

Industrial applicability: Yes: Claims 1-30
 No: Claims

2. Documents and explanations (Rule 70.7):
see attachment

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Re Point V

Finding with supporting reasons regarding novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability; documents and explanations in support of this finding.

1. Reference is made to the following documents in this examination report:

D1: WO 02/27454 A (BIOPRINT AS; MATHIASSEN CAMILLA (NO)) April 4, 2002 (2002-04-04)

D2: "RELATED ITEM INDEX FOR GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE" IBM TECHNICAL DISCLOSURE BULLETIN, IBM CORP. NEW YORK, US, Vol. 38, No. 10, October 1, 1995 (1995-10-01), pages 177-178, XP000540459, ISSN: 0018-8689

2. This application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1).

2.1 The subject of Claims 1, 12, and 23 is not novel as defined by PCT Article 33(2).

D1 discloses a device for searching and processing of data in a mass storage comprising a housing with an acoustic and/or optical and/or mechanical output unit and a search function (page 1, lines 6, 7 – these are features of all PCs and PDAs), with a key unit (page 4, line 26 – “touch sensitive switch”) being fashioned on the housing (page 4, lines 8, 9) for inputting Morse symbols or Morse-like symbols (page 4, lines 20, 21) in two input modes (page 4, line 22 – “multiple mode input”) where the first input mode is provided for inputting text (page 10, lines 15-18) and the second mode is provided for inputting control commands (page 11, lines 19, 20 – “double tap” is a Morse-like symbol which, in this case, is a symbol selected from a selection field).

Accordingly, the subject of Claim 1 is not novel.

Similar reasoning applies to device claim 23, which is also not

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novel.

Method claim 12 corresponds to device claim 1. Hence, the subject of Claim 12 is not novel, either.

- 2.2 The subject of Claim 20 is not based on an inventive step as defined by PCT Article 33(3).

D1 discloses a method for searching for and processing data in a mass storage (page 11, lines 15-18) in which, by means of a key unit, Morse symbols or Morse-like symbols are inputted in at least one input mode provided for inputting text (page 11, lines 19, 20).

The subject of Claim 20 therefore differs from D1 in that, for carrying out a search in one of the input modes, search terms are inputted and, at the beginning of the search, the entire list of data present in the mass storage is displayed on a screen and already the inputting of even a few letters as search terms correspondingly changes the sequence of data in the list or hides data that do not correspond to the search term.

The problem to be solved in the present invention can thus be viewed as simplifying the search for an element on a list.

The additional feature of Claim 1 is a measure familiar in the field – see for example D2. For the individual skilled in the art, the incorporation of this measure into the system described in D1 would be an obvious approach for solving the problem posed, within the scope of normal technical procedure.

Thus, the subject of Claim 20 is not based on an inventive step.

- 2.3 The dependent claims do not contain any features that, in combination with the features of any claim to which they relate, meet PCT requirements in regard to novelty or inventive step.